

## RESOLUTIONS

OF

### THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ARKANSAS,

AGAINST

*The passage of any law for the distribution of the proceeds of the sales of the public lands.*

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JANUARY 8, 1846.

Ordered to be printed.

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*Resolved, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representative be requested, to oppose every such law.*

*Resolved, That the Governor of the State of Arkansas forward to each of our members in Congress a copy of these resolutions.*

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*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

JOHN WILLIAMSON,

*President of the Senate.*

Approved, November 28, 1844.

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